

Meeting Minutes – Cameron Library Board – January 29, 2024

Present: Char Tubbs, Judy Erickson, Wanda Johansen, Kathy Krug, Ben Hester, Maggie Hester, and Dawn Ayers.

Minutes from the November 27 meeting were reviewed. Char moved to accept the minutes with a second by Wanda.

Finance Report

Checking account balance \$5,785.76. Copies for November 1 through January 27 totaled \$30.75.

Expenditures

December expenditures: Credit Card \$4,044.75 for Amazon books, movies & supplies; Baker & Taylor, \$17.88 for new books, and Department of Administration, \$600 for our T-1 line.

January Expenditures: Baker & Taylor, \$35.15 for books; \$25 to Hammond Library, reimbursement for item lost by patron.

Char moved to accept expenditures with a second by Kathy.

Activities:

3,750 items circulated in November/December, 1,832 items were borrowed from other libraries, 1,183 items lent to other libraries, 14 new patrons registered, 35 items added to the collection, 1,074 wireless users, 661 electronic check-outs and 561 website visits.

Dawn is cataloging and processing new materials. She has also made progress in book repairs, so many items have returned to circulation.

Dawn is currently planning 2024 programming. With the exception of the special Storytime scheduled with the school, regularly offered Storytime is not well-attended and has been struggling for some time. Planning stories, songs, games, and crafts when there is a lack of attendance is an inefficient use of time and resources. Dawn will offer activities using the passive programming model, which was quite popular over the summer. This type of process program will be mostly self-guided and will use materials that we already have. Examples might include: coloring mandalas, puzzles, games, objects for building and creating, flannel boards with story pieces, coloring table, paint table, science lab and more.

Dawn has been participating in many online continuing ed opportunities/webinars.

Due to scheduling conflicts, staff has been unable to meet to discuss our goal setting/annual review. Staff intends to meet in February.

There is an opportunity for board members to attend one of two Trustee workshops coming up in February and March to present how to handle and prepare for book challenges. Dawn submitted the informational flyer.

Friends of the Library resumed meeting on January 22. They discussed programs they could host, the library of things, purchase of a bulletin board that would display schedules of activities and local events, and installing permanent, historical displays around the Community Center.

The Annual Report opened last week, so Dawn will be working on that.

Facility Report

Repairs were made to the HVAC, as an overhead tank corroded through and was leaking water.

Outside lights were taken care of, so the parking lot is now well-lit,

Currently, a library sconce is strobing in the children's area. Jaden has been informed.

Old Business

Ben provided an update on the AED. The cost has gone up since the Village Board initially approved the purchase of the AED; consequently, the item will need to be re-approved by the Village Board.

Norm Yamada has been unable to check the Center sound system. He will be coming in tomorrow (January 30th) to check the system.

New Business

Wanda suggested contacting the County Sheriff's Department for library programming, specifically addressing K9 opportunities. Dawn has partnered with the department in the past with good results, but the K9(s) were not available at that time. Discussion followed; Kathy reinforced Wanda's suggestion, adding that the County Sheriff's Department citizen training is worth looking in to. Information on classes is available online. These are excellent recommendations for future programs; promoting these programs for the County would also be good. Dawn will check into options for library program planning.

Items for next agenda will include approval of 2024 closures and Annual Report presentation.

Char moved to adjourn with a second by Ben.

Next meeting, Monday, February 26, 5:30p.m. at the Library.

Respectfully submitted by Dawn Ayers.